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ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

For assaulting a detective two natives  
were, at the Magistracy to-day, fined \$25  
each.

For uttering counterfeit coins at Yau-  
m-tai a native was sentenced to three  
months' imprisonment and fined \$5.

A fight took place yesterday in Shing  
Hon Lane, Kowloon, between Chinese and  
Filipinos. This morning at the Magistracy  
two of the Filipinos were charged with  
carrying fighting irons and fined \$10 each,  
while four Chinese for behaving in a dis-  
orderly manner were fined \$25 each.

In the early hours of Friday morning a  
band of Hunglok fishermen, armed with  
choppers, knives and bamboos, entered  
a house at Shekshan, Lantau Island,  
for the purpose of robbing two hawkers  
who were staying there and who were  
known to have a great deal of clothing and  
some money in their possession. They  
assaulted these men and got off with \$29.50  
in money and \$400 worth of clothing.  
Later two of the robbers were arrested  
and at the Magistracy to-day they were  
remanded.

DR. MORRISON'S RECENT  
TELEGRAM.

The North China Daily News says that  
the following is the original text of the  
telegram sent to The Times by its Peking  
Correspondent, to which Reuter referred in  
a telegram of July 26:

Peking, July 23.

The telegram of President Taft to the  
Prince Regent, emphasizing in friendly  
but unmistakable terms American rights in  
the Canton-Hankow Szechuan Railway  
loan, has stirred the Chinese. Following  
upon its reception the Regent, for the first  
time, summoned the whole of the Waiwups  
to an audience, and showed considerable  
anxiety; for, if this policy of drift con-  
tinues, he realizes that he may receive other  
and less friendly warnings direct from other  
rulers.

Prince Ching, the President of the  
Waiwups, whose neglect of his high duties  
does China much dishonour, has been  
awakened, and on Tuesday was present at  
the Waiwups to discuss affairs with Sir  
J. N. Jordan, the British Minister, for  
the first time since the latter's arrival here  
three years ago. Sir J. N. Jordan gravely  
warned him of the danger that China was  
running by his failure to enforce the  
orders of the Central Government upon  
the provinces.

The President's telegram is directly due  
to the intrigues of the Deutsch-Asiatische  
Bank, whose influence over the Hongkong  
and Shanghai Bank is so injurious to  
British interests in China. Their agent  
induced Chang Chih-tung to write a  
dispatch to the Waiwups, saying that,  
unless arrangements were speedily made  
with America respecting its participation  
in the loan, he would proceed to the signa-  
ture of the final contract in spite of the  
American protest, or would relinquish the  
scheme altogether. This dispatch, coupled  
with the uncertain action of the inverte-  
brate Waiwups, was promptly cabled to  
Washington and called forth Mr. Taft's  
excellent and opportune message.

Many Englishmen here hold the opinion  
that the British Government should bring  
pressure upon the Hongkong and Shanghai  
Bank to disassociate itself from the German  
intrigues, which are persistently directed,  
here as elsewhere, to bring us into a mis-  
understanding with the Americans, whose  
policy and aims in China are identical with  
our own.

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**H. OISHI,**  
Manager,  
No. 2, PRINCE STREET,  
HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, January 9, 1909. 318

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

## IN BANKRUPTCY.

No. 12 of 1909.  
In the Matter of the Estate of ALFRED  
HARRIS REYNOLDS, deceased. Debtor.  
Ex parte TANG LAY KEE (trading as the  
Wing Cheong Fat) Creditor.

A Final Dividend of \$9,088.93 in the  
dollar has been declared in the mat-  
ter of the estate of ALFRED HARRIS  
REYNOLDS, deceased, adjudicated bankrupt  
on the 8th day of May, 1908, and the same  
may be received at the Office of the Trustee,  
No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria,  
Hongkong, on the 12th day of August,  
1909, or on any subsequent date between  
the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. except on  
Saturdays up to 1 p.m.  
Creditors applying for payment must  
produce any bills of Exchange or other  
securities held by them, and must sign a  
receipt in the prescribed form.  
Dated this 12th day of August, 1909.  
**H. J. GEDGE,**  
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## NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Provisions of  
No. 104 of the Articles of Association,  
the General Managers have this day declared  
an INTERIM DIVIDEND for the  
half-year ended 30th June, 1909, of TWO  
DOLLARS PER SHARE.  
DIVIDEND WARRANTS may be ob-  
tained on application at the Office of the  
Company on and after WEDNESDAY,  
25th instant.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from MONDAY,  
1st day of August, 1909, to SATURDAY,  
21st day of August, 1909, (both days inclusive).

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, August 12, 1909. 1023

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING**  
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## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY  
MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this  
Corporation will be held at the CITY  
HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the  
21st day of August, 1909, at Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Directors together with a State-  
ment of Accounts to 30th June 1909.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the  
Corporation will be CLOSED from MON-  
DAY, the 2nd day of August, 1909, to  
SATURDAY, the 21st day of August, 1909,  
(both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares  
can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**J. R. M. SMITH,**  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, July 31, 1909. 859

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY  
MEETING of Shareholders will be  
held in the Offices of the Company, Queen's  
Building, Connaught Road, on MONDAY,  
23rd August, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Directors and the Statement of Accounts  
to the 30th June, 1909.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 24th to  
the 29th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**GEO. A. CALDWELL,**  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, July 10, 1909. 860

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## MR. MASTERMAN'S REMARKS.

## "The Condition of England." By C. F. G.

Masterman. (Methuen.)

Things have changed in many respects  
for the better and in certain directions for  
the worse since Carlyle discussed in his  
own inimitable manner what he called the  
Condition of England question. Optimists  
tell us that all is right with the world—or  
nearly so. Pessimists think that modern  
civilisation is decadent, and that we are  
like the wine in Scripture, rushing violent-  
ly down a steep place to destruction. They  
both represent the fallacy of extremes.  
The problem is too vast, too complicated,  
too subtle, for any man short of  
Solomon really to strike the balance  
between good and evil. So much  
depends upon the point of view, and  
not less, perhaps, on whether the man  
himself is a moralist or an economist,  
whether, in short, he has imagination, or  
is a hard-headed, brisk master of statistics.  
Facts and figures are for the most part on  
the side of the optimists, and with their  
help they can prove, like a sum in arith-  
metic, no end of social and material  
improvements. But the great things of  
life, the qualities which may be ignored,  
but which in the end must always count,  
defy arithmetic. So the moralist comes  
upon the scene and declares that he is not  
convinced, though almost deafened with  
the loud rantings of the thoughtless and  
vainglorious over what is alternately called  
the progress of the age and the march of  
civilisation. He asserts that such  
"progress" is not towards practical right-  
eousness, and that the "march of civilisation"  
sounds in his ears like a dead march played  
over the burial of man's noblest ideals  
and visions.

Only a genius of the first rank, moralist,  
economist, prophet, and patriot in one,  
could deal with the problem which Mr  
Masterman has raised in this able and  
thoughtful book. Genius, unfortun-  
ately, is to seek in modern England; we can fashion,  
to meet the demands of the time, many  
things, from Dreadnoughts to airships; we  
can train and equip legions of clever,  
talented people, more or less vocal on every  
problem under the sun. But with all our  
wealth and intelligence, the original man  
is not to be had for the asking; and if he  
were in our midst to-day the standard of  
values has been so debased that we should  
probably regard him as a mere idle dreamer.  
Hence it comes about that we must be  
thankful for small mercies; and if no one  
has arisen who can show us how to heal  
the maladies of the body politic, it is some-  
thing to have men in our midst who can  
tell us not only where we are strong and  
where we are weak, but by a process of  
skilful diagnosis can lay their finger on  
those subtle but deadly maladies which,  
if unchecked, may make havoc of all our  
boasted progress.

Mr Masterman is a level-headed, slightly  
disillusioned observer of the signs of the  
times. He is well versed in the literature  
of optimism, and equally at home with the  
sayings of the cynics. He has taken the  
trouble to assimilate a vast array of facts  
and statistics, and with their help he  
cleaves a middle way for himself between  
those who think we are living in the best  
of all possible worlds and that not less  
thoughtful company who are otherwise  
minded. Alike by temperament and train-  
ing he is on the side of the optimist, but if  
he is plain through all these pages, even when  
he whistles more loudly, that it is to  
keep his courage up. He tells us a great  
deal that, if it stood alone, would be re-  
assuring, but he is far too honest to  
show us only one side of the shield, or,  
in other words, to conceal his misgivings,  
which are also, by the way, supported by  
an appeal to chapter and verse. He  
describes the characteristics of the race,  
its courage, its patience, its energy, its  
public spirit, its simple, wholesome  
virtues; and then he notes the changes  
which are abroad which menace such noble  
things. He is not blind to the perils  
of irresponsible wealth, of declining  
faith in the unseen, of a growing love  
of pleasure and luxury in almost all  
classes. He chronicles the growth of a  
sham and dangerous sentimentalism which  
inflames the crowd on occasion to the point  
of hysteria, and of much else that is shadow  
and vaguer in contemporary society. He  
describes the life of the opulent classes  
in town and country, the disheartened out-  
look of the peasant on the land, the crowd-  
ed, unnatural existence of artisans and  
operatives in thousands of mean streets;  
he shows the poverty-stricken and belittled  
position of that great army of serfs in black  
coats who live in the suburbs and toil in  
the city. His book is strong in the analysis  
of existing conditions; it throws a search-  
light over all sorts and conditions of men. It  
shows us how powerless science is in spite  
of all its triumphs; it makes us realise that  
literature, though it may lose about like  
a troubled sea, reflecting men's moods;  
satisfying their fancies, expressing their  
aspirations, is barren of any real  
answer. Religion itself has lost its  
unifying constraint with multitudes in  
all classes. Men are not so much  
in revolt against its claims, as indifferent  
to them, and that means a slackening all  
along the line in things that count in the  
making of character. It is precisely in this  
direction that the peril lies, and it is a  
peril which no material enrichment of it  
can avert.

There are depressed industries enough in  
modern England, but the most hopelessly  
depressed of all is the making of character.  
Mind-will, head-count, irrespective of  
their costs, and while the reign of the  
common people has arrived it has not  
brought with it, so far, the revival of the  
forces which alone give permanence,  
dignity, and worth to the nation. We  
have been too eager to give a martinet of  
book-learning to the children of the people,  
while, curiously indifferent about their  
equipment for skilled manual labour, and  
the result is a plethora of clerks and type-  
writers, girls, and a growing scorn and  
repugnance from the class from which  
they spring of the kind of work to which  
they are qualified to do with credit  
and in contentment. Of course, this may  
be told that this is an age of transition.  
Every age, however, has been that, since  
Adam was turned out of the Garden of

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**COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPART-**  
MENT.**HONGKONG OPIUM FARM.**

## AMENDMENT OF FORM OF GRANT.

WITH reference to Government Notifi-  
cation No. 403 of the 2nd July,  
1909, calling for tenders for the Hongkong  
Opium Farm the following Amendments  
to be made in the "Conditions" to be fulfilled  
by the Grantee and the "Form of Grant."

AMENDMENT OF CONDITIONS TO BE  
FULFILLED BY THE GRANTEE.

After clause (5) insert the following:—  
(5)-(a) The Government to be at  
least at any time to deposit persons to  
superintend the boiling and preparation of  
opium.

After clause (6) insert the following:—  
(6)-(a) To observe the following rules  
relating to searches in addition to those  
contained in the Ordinances:—

1. Whenever a house or floor of a house  
wholly in the occupation of one  
Chinese family has been unsuccess-  
fully searched for opium, and when-  
ever the Captain Superintendent of  
Police has reason to suspect that a  
search warrant for opium has been  
obtained on false information, the  
Grantee shall furnish confidentially  
to the Captain Superintendent of  
Police the name and address of the  
informant.

2. The badge required by section 5 of  
the Prepared Opium Ordinance, 1891,  
shall be worn outside the sleeve of  
every Excise Officer detailed for the  
searching of persons on public  
wharves or for executing Opium  
Warrants, and each badge shall show  
the Excise Officer's office and num-  
ber.

3. Not more than five Excise Officers  
shall enter or be in a family house  
at the same time for the purpose of  
executing a search warrant, and each  
of such Excise Officers shall be pro-  
vided with a dark lantern.

4. Excise Officers detailed to execute a  
search warrant shall show them-  
selves to be searched by the Police  
before leaving the Police Station,  
and also on their way to the place  
to be searched.

AMENDMENT OF GRANT.

The following clause shall be inserted  
after clause 7, and clause 8 shall be re-  
numbered 9:—

8. That the Grantee will observe the  
following rules relating to searches in  
addition to those contained in the Ordina-  
nces:—

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and also on their way to the place  
to be searched.

N.B.—The above rules as to searches for  
opium were applied by the present  
Opium Farmer and have been enforced  
during the current term.

**A. M. THOMSON,**  
Colonial Secretary.  
Hongkong, August 12, 1909. 108

**IN THE MATTER OF THE GOODS**  
OF A. S. LATTIA, Deceased.

A. L. Claims against the Estate of the late  
A. S. LATTIA, Chief Engineer, S.S.  
Kutang, who died at Sea on the 2nd  
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G. W. BECKWITH, Lieutenant, R.N.,  
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General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, August 18.—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curioes,  
etc. at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales  
Rooms.THURSDAY, August 19.—  
3 p.m.—Auction of Steam Locomotives,  
Locos & Demos alongside Queen's Statue  
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date subject to rent.SATURDAY, August 21.—  
Noon.—Meeting of The Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation at the  
City Hall.SUNDAY, August 22.—  
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on this date subject to rent.MONDAY, August 23.—  
Noon.—Meeting of Hongkong & Wham-  
poa Dock Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1909.

PROBLEMS OF CHINESE LIFE.

SOME side-lights upon Chinese life as it can be observed in this Colony are furnished by the annual report of the Registrar-General presented to the Legislative Council last Friday. Almost at the outset, we read that largely owing to the prevailing trade depression many more women have entered the Colony from the Kwangtung province seeking work than in the previous year, and those that have fallen into bad hands have naturally come within the purview of the Women's and Girls' Protection Ordinance. There were 228 of these cases compared with 139 in the previous year. The Registrar-General remarks

that the West River Boods were a contributory cause to this increase. "It has often happened," he says, "that when the husband is dead his family being no longer able to support his wife sends her out to shift for herself." What this means in the majority of cases we leave our readers to supply from their own experience of life in the Far East. It is satisfactory to record Mr Irving's belief that the great majority of the girls dealt with under the Po Leung Kuk Incorporation Ordinance are absolutely rescued. "Bought as infants by prostitutes or procurers, they are trained for the profession. But if they are brought before the Registrar-General in time, their mothers rather than be at a total loss are glad to marry them decently and pocket the dowry." That a regular slave trade exists under the very nose of British authority no one at all acquainted with the partly submerged human currents of the Colony will deny: if there are any sceptics we can introduce them to a gentleman who occupies a position of some prominence in the community who can at once produce properly authenticated facts which in their naked horror would stir the ordinary folk, we imagine. The report under review deals with one aspect of the unholy trade. It says:—"There is a considerable traffic in very small children brought to the Colony from Shanghai for sale. A number of such children were detained, sent to the Po Leung Kuk and finally adopted by respectable families." This paragraph does not, however, reveal half of the horrors of the situation. Kidnapping is rife within the Colony itself and cries aloud for more rigorous steps to be taken to put it down. The police are quite willing to do their part, but their hands are tied, as they are in the matter of kidnapped children brought into the Colony.

The accommodation at the Po Leung Kuk is now barely sufficient for the needs of the Colony. "Under a new matron, and thanks largely to the energy of the Directors and especially Mr Ho Kow-ros, the home is beautifully clean, and the girls look bright and contented. Needlework and lessons give them a great deal of pleasure, and the introduction of an unusual number of babies has given a joyous occupation to the inmates. The absence of a recreation ground worthy the name is a serious drawback." Another institution doing good work in this direction is the Eyr's Diocesan Refuge. This "owes its inception to Miss Eyr, and was for some years conducted by her and fellow workers; it has now been reorganized as a Diocesan Institution of the English Church in Hongkong. It thus acquires a stability so, often wanting in the private undertakings of the Colony. This change has been largely due to the action of Lady Lugard, who very shortly after her arrival in the Colony interested herself actively in the Refuge, secured a wider support for it, and generally stimulated its development. The Refuge has been visited by the Annual Committee of the Po Leung Kuk at intervals during the year, and I have paid surprise visits. The girls appear happy and well cared for. The number of inmates has varied from 35 to 38; the general health has been good and no deaths have occurred. There have been 23 admittances and 6 marriages. The home was under Chinese management (with European supervision) until November when a European lady took up residence. The Italian Convent continues to do good work. Fourteen women and girls were taken there during the year, including 5 who went there of their own accord.

Regarding the subject of male emigration, Mr. Leung says:—"At the end of last year an arrangement was made to, by which no immigrant to the Straits Settlements from Hongkong is permitted to enter into a labour contract there unless he shall have appeared before the Registrar-General before embarkation. The most difficult question in connection with assisted emigration during the year has been that of the reputation of those colonies who have been either rejected by the office or doctor on account of their inferior physique, or induced to leave their homes through misrepresentations. Who was to bear

the cost of their repatriation? At first the Tung Wah were called upon to do so, and did so with great reluctance, to the amount of \$3,411. This arrangement did not appear to be altogether equitable, and towards the close of the year I arranged that the boarding house keeper should be made responsible for cost of repatriation, leaving him to recover from the broker. The Tung Wah as before has done the actual repatriation and has sent in the bill to this office. The Emigration Officer has then called upon the boarding house keepers to refund the amount, and they have done so without a murmur. It is hardly necessary to add that if they can escape free of the consequences, that is the cost of repatriation, runner and boarding house keeper have no interest in keeping up the standard of coolie. If he slips through the Registrar-General's Office a profit is made. If he fails to pass they suffer no loss. The number of Boarding Houses for Assisted Emigrants is 29 as compared with 24 last year, when the business was still in its early stages. There appears to be comparatively little trickery practised in the trade, and the majority of the boarding house keepers act straightforwardly in their dealings with this office. It should be clearly understood that the Singapore rejections are in no way a reflection on the conduct of the medical examinations in Hongkong. They consist of coolies who are not wanted for any reason: they have fallen sick on the voyage, or the demand may have slackened and only picked men be needed at the moment. This last case accounts for the large numbers sent back from Singapore at the end of the year.

These are a few of the problems which we British colonists have to grapple with in trying to discharge our obligations towards the weaker brethren. On the whole we need not feel ashamed of our work.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

The German Mail of the 15th July was delivered in London on the 14th inst.

There were no cases of plague notified in the Colony for the week ended August 14th.

A Chinese workman repairing an overhead cable in Shanghai the other day touched a live wire and was electrocuted.

There were 436 European and 559 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 235 European and 2,572 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ending 15th Aug.

Only one case of communicable disease has occurred in the Colony for the past week, this being a Chinese who succumbed to enteric fever.

Mr Clark and Captain Douglas, whose expedition to the interior of China resulted in the death of a Sikh, alleged to have been killed by the natives of Kansu, arrived at Peking on August 1.

The new French river gunboat Doudart de Lagree has been put together by the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Company, Ltd., in the short space of 33 days. On her trial trip she attained a speed of 14 knots.

Mr Frederic Henry Balfour, of Palazzina Castelli, via San Francisco, Poverina, Florence, Italy, and late of Shanghai, formerly editor of the North China Daily News, who died on May 22, aged 63, left estate in the United Kingdom valued at £28,264.

Of course it was by pure inadvertence that the Gazette on Saturday announced that the resolution regarding the increase in liquor licence fees was passed by the Legislative Council. The further consideration of the resolution was in fact postponed until next Friday.

A Kiukiang telegram to the N.C. Daily News says that in the case of the alleged manslaughter of a Chinese by Inspector Meers, of Kiukiang, which was heard before Mr E. T. C. Warner, British Consul, the Consul decided that there was not sufficient evidence to send the accused for trial and he was accordingly discharged. The prosecution in the above case on behalf of the Chinese Government was undertaken by Mr Fleming, while Mr. Godfrey, of Messrs Ellis and Hayes, was retained for the defence.

## CAPT. C. V. LLOYD DEPARTS.

By the Empress of China on Saturday Hongkong lost a master-mariner who has been familiar with its waters since 1868. For the past twenty-four years Capt. C. V. Lloyd has been in the service of the China Navigation Company, commanding first the Hankow, until she was burnt to the water's edge in 1906, and latterly the Fastan. During this long period he made hosts of friends and their best wishes will accompany him to England where it is hoped that many years of life yet remain to be spent in the enjoyment of well-earned retirement. In sporting circles Capt. Lloyd's experience and sound judgment was highly appreciated, while there must be hundreds of travellers in those parts who have enjoyed the descriptive brochure which he wrote on the Peasi River trip to Canton.

## DON'T IGNORE SLIGHT INJURIES.

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## OPIUM SMOKERS.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, August 15.

Prince Kung proposes that in future opium smokers throughout the Empire be required to furnish their photographs to the provincial departments to be filed for reference.

WORK FOR TANG  
SHAO-YI.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, August 15.

H. F. Shi Liang having reported to the Throne that the conditions in Manchuria are becoming very strained, the Prince Regent proposes to send Tang Shao-yi to his assistance.

ADMIRAL OF KWANG-  
TUNG.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, August 15.

An Imperial Edict has been issued appointing Admiral Li Chun (now holding the Acting appointment) Admiral of the fleet in Kwangtung.

COMMAND OF THE  
CHINESE NAVY.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, August 15.

Admiral So Chun Ping is appointed Commander-in-chief of the Chinese Navy.

TO STUDY POLITICAL  
ECONOMY.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, August 15.

The Board of Finance has sent several officials attached to the Board to study political economy in the Japanese schools.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

H. E. Tang Shao-yi has gone to Paitaibo to spend the summer and will return to his native place in Kwangtung in the autumn.

Among the passengers who left by the Empress on Saturday were Mrs J. M. Beck, Messrs Philbey, E. P. H. Lang, and F. S. Allen.

Among the passengers arriving in Yokohama on August 15th by the P. M. steamer China from Hongkong was Mr E. G. Jordan.

At the request of His Majesty's Government Sir Henry Robinson Smith, K.C.B., Secretary to the Post Office, has accepted the position of President of the National Bank of Turkey, in which, it is understood, Lord Revelstoke (director of the Bank of England and a partner in Baring Bros. and Co.), Sir Alexander Henderson, Bart., chairman of the Great Central Railway, and Sir Ernest Cassel, G.C.M.G. are interested.

## FLOODS IN MANCHURIA.

Siberian Mails Delayed.

The General Post Office has advised us that, owing to the serious floods through which the Chinese Eastern Railway has been inundated, mails by the Siberian Route will be considerably delayed. Until the floods have sufficiently subsided mails will be sent from Shanghai via Vladivostok, every Saturday. As our readers already know, the loss of life in and around the city of Kirin has been very serious.

## "THE MERRY WIDOW."

Great credit is due to one and all of the Bandmann Opera Company not forgetting the Stage Manager and others behind the scenes—for their excellent production of "The Merry Widow" on Saturday night. The acting was of a first class order and the scenic effects were extremely good. Among the principals mention should be made of Mr Fred Coyne, who played the part of Prince Danilo to a nicety and carried off the "Merry Widow" dance in fine style; and Mr Frank Danby, who played the part of Baron Popoff. Mr Danby is a finished comedian, and his interpretation of the part provoked rounds of laughter and applause from the crowded and enthusiastic house. Miss Florence Booth, as Sonia (The Merry Widow) was exceedingly pleasing. Though her voice was weak, this was made up for by the dainty and charming manner in which she played her part. Nalati, the wife of Popoff, (Miss Mabel Gregory) was also good. Her "wheeling" she evidently learnt at Daly's, London. The other characters were also well sustained and all helped to put that swing into the piece which made the evening such a success. A word for Miss Ruby Canova, Miss Rene Keys and Messrs. Harry Lennox and Andrew Turner in their Russian Clog Dances must not be omitted. They were justly rewarded. To-night is the last appearance of the company's short season. They present "The Mikado."

BERESFORD AND THE  
ADMIRALTY.WHAT THE INQUIRY  
REVEALED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, August 15.

The report of the Sub-Committee appointed in April last to consider the memorandum on Naval Affairs prepared by Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, states that the investigation has shown that during the time specified by Lord Charles Beresford there was no danger to the country, and that advantages had resulted from the arrangements made. The war arrangements were quite defensible in themselves, though not ideally perfect, but they were seriously hampered by the absence of cordial relations between the Admiralty and Lord Charles Beresford. The former had not taken Lord Charles Beresford sufficiently into their confidence, and the latter had failed to appreciate and carry out the spirit of the Admiralty's instructions or to recognise the paramount authority of the Admiralty.

The Sub-Committee had been impressed by the difference of opinion among the high officers of the Navy on important principles of strategy and tactics, but they anticipate that much confidence will follow the further development of the Naval War Staff.

## THE CRETAN TROUBLE.

GREEK FLAG TO BE  
REMOVED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, August 15.

In a Note from the Powers to the Porte an undertaking is given that the objectionable flag hoisted over a park in Crete will be removed, and it is hoped that in these circumstances the Porte will not think it necessary to order the fleet to Cretan waters.

The Cretan Government has intimated to the Powers that efforts at persuasion have failed, and they were unable to have the flag removed. They would therefore summon the Chamber and resign.

The protecting Powers are each sending a warship to Crete, and a third warship is held in readiness. When these vessels arrive the flag will be removed.

## A DANGEROUS SITUATION.

London, Aug. 15.

Armed peasants occupied the fortress at Canen, their object being to prevent the removal of the Greek flag.

Gendarmes forced the peasants to evacuate, promising that they would guard the flag.

The Government is resigning and a provisional administration has been formed.

H.M.S. Swiftsure has arrived in Suda Bay.

A MONSTER BATTLE-  
SHIP.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, Aug. 15.

The United States authorities at Washington are considering the building of a 30,000 ton battleship which the General Board of the American Navy recommends.

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AMERICAN COURTESIES  
TO JAPAN.

("Independent News Agency's" Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, August 14.

The American Chambers of Commerce have arranged with various American railway companies for a special train for the exclusive use of the Japanese business men who are about to make a tour of the United States.

ORIENTAL EXPLOITA-  
TION COMPANY.

("Independent News Agency's" Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, August 14.

The Oriental Exploitation Company, which is to supply money and materials for Chinese railways, will hold its inaugural meeting on the eighteenth. Dr. Koi Furuchi, the well-known engineer, has been appointed President.

BANK INTEREST IN  
JAPAN.

("Independent News Agency's" Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, August 14.

The Bank of Japan lowered its rate of interest on the 13th inst. This step is welcomed as being reasonable.

TRAINING SQUADRON'S  
CRUISE.

("Independent News Agency's" Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, August 13.

Admiral Iijima and his Head Staff officer, Captain Sakamoto, were granted an audience by the Emperor, when they reported to his Majesty details of the cruise of the Training Squadron, which is composed of the Aso and Soya, to the Pacific coast of North America and also the work accomplished by the cadets.

DISASTROUS EARTH-  
QUAKE IN JAPAN.FOUR HUNDRED HOUSES  
DESTROYED.

Expected Great Loss of Life.

("Independent News Agency's" Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, August 15.

A most disastrous earthquake was experienced in the Province westward of Nagoya at three thirty o'clock on Saturday afternoon. In the Omi and Gifu provinces especially the shock was very heavy.

In the vicinity of Lake Biwa the earthquake was the severest known for many years and 400 houses at least were destroyed.

Several villages are reported to have totally disappeared and it is feared that the list of casualties will be a large one.

Locomotives were brought to a standstill and telegraphic communication is cut.

(Note.—Gifu was the scene of a very violent earthquake in October, 1891, when the death list ran up into the thousands. It is in the centre of an alluvial plain, the contents of which are as susceptible to seismic motion as water in a bowl.—Ed. U.M.)

## INFANTILE CHOLERA.

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## THE ICE CASE.

## Hearing Again Resumed.

Once again the Chief Justice (Sir F. G. G. G.) and the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) were engaged to-day in hearing the action in which the Hongkong Milling Co., Ltd., of which Mr. Horace Percy Smith is liquidator, sued Messrs. Arnold, Earle and Co. for a sum of \$100,000 damages for alleged breach of warranty by the defendants under an agreement to supply an ice making plant warranted to produce ice of a specified quality.

Sir Henry Baskerville, K.C., and Mr. M. W. Slade (instructed by Messrs. Hastings and Hastings), appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. Duncan McNeill, of Shanghai, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. H. W. Looker, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon), appeared for the defendants.

When the case was called, Mr. McNeill said he would like to mention a matter which came under his personal notice on Saturday. In the street he saw a cart of the Ice Company containing blocks of ice, which, so far as he could see, were on the way for delivery to consumers. It was an open cart and contained a block of ice which had that triangular band which Mr. Haxton had said was always seen off. Perhaps as Mr. Haxton was in Court he might supply some explanation.

The Chief Justice—I see no objection to Mr. Haxton going into the box.

Mr. Haxton, manager of the Ice Co., then went into the box, and stated that the engineer at the works had orders to cut those blocks off. Occasionally a block with such a band got up to the depot, but in such cases it was cut off before being sold. The Chief Justice—Was this going to customers or was it not?

Mr. McNeill—It was in an open cart. Mr. Haxton—How many blocks were on the cart?

Mr. McNeill—Six or seven.

Mr. Haxton—They might have been going to one of the sub-depots. We have a Chinese sub-depot at West Point.

Mr. McNeill—This was going along Queen's Road toward East Point. There was only one block which had that band so far as I could see.

The Chief Justice—The explanation is probably that the engineer forgot.

Mr. Haxton—It might be. Mr. McNeill—Then went into the box and was further cross-examined by Mr. Slade.

In the course of a cross-examination witness said he knew that the Bering plant could not produce ice as clear as that of the Ice Co.

Then why did you enter into a contract to do it?—I didn't.

Mr. Slade then read the terms of the guarantee, the words of which he said were perfectly clear. He proceeded: "If your state of knowledge was as you now assert it to be, why did you enter into this contract without any modifications at all?—In our letters we had stated perfectly clear what we were prepared to guarantee."

But here is the formal agreement you entered into? Mr. Rennie told me he would have the letters incorporated in an agreement.

You read that formal agreement?—Yes. And you noticed the difference?—Yes. Why didn't you make any modifications in it?—The words are perfectly clear. I looked upon it in this way—the difference did not mean anything different to what had already been told in the letters.

You had had trouble with Mr. Rennie over guarantees before, hadn't you?—Yes. Then why didn't you as an intelligent man have any misgivings?—I would have been very careful to insert the words "except with regard to a core." Why didn't you do it?—I could not say why I didn't. It struck me that this wording did not make any difference to what we had put in our letters.

There was an absolute difference. It was going to be as clear as the Ice Co.'s ice. You noticed the difference?—Yes. Then why didn't you put in a few simple words that would clear up all difficulties?—I suppose it was rather careless on my part.

I suggest it was not careless on your part?—It was absolutely straightforward and frank, because you believed at that time that your machine could produce ice equal to the Ice Co.'s ice.—No.

You didn't believe that?—No. Mr. Rennie was in the same building as you?—Yes.

So that if you wanted to see him you merely had to go up in a lift?—Yes. You noticed the difference in the two agreements so far as the guarantee was concerned?—Yes.

There was a difference in the liability, that is to say, it was to your firm and not merely your principals, and the other difference that the ice was to be as clear as the Hongkong Ice Co.'s ice instead of merely clear?—Yes.

Didn't you think it worth while to go upstairs and see Mr. Rennie?—It didn't occur to me. I think, as far as I remember, I didn't have any conversation on the guarantee.

The Chief Justice—The question is: Did you think it worth while, in view of these changes, to go upstairs and see Mr. Rennie? That is the question—I don't think it occurred to me.

Mr. Slade—The differences were rather material, weren't they?—Yes. And might give rise to misunderstanding?—Yes. I have explained to you already the view I took of it.

Did you imagine that your previous agreement which merely meant partially clear ice, like can ice always is, and this new agreement to produce ice as clear as the ice of the Hongkong Ice Co., were the same?—In any case didn't you think it worth while going up to Mr. Rennie about it?—I don't think it occurred to me.

I put it to you that as a matter of fact you did see Rennie and that Rennie told you that unless you could guarantee ice you could not have the contract at all?—No.

I put it to you that you believed this plant could turn out ice as expressed, and that you were deceived by Rennie?—No.

Then I must put this question to you, that you are a person ready and willing to sign misleading agreements?—No. But you are one or the other?—No. The case was again adjourned.

## SPORTING.

## Hongkong Tennis League.

## SHIELD PRESENTED TO KOWLOON.

A considerable number of lawn tennis enthusiasts assembled on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground on Saturday afternoon to witness a match between the Kowloon C.C. team, the League champions, and a side drawn from the rest of the League. Each team consisted of four pairs, who played each opposing pair seven games. The turf was rather sodden from recent rains, and in consequence play was somewhat slow. In the end the champions secured the verdict by 62 games to 50, the fact that most of the losing pairs had not previously played together operating against them. The best record for the day was registered by Lapley and Duncan, who won all their sets and had the capital average of 20 games for and 8 against. Full scores are appended:—

Lapley and Duncan (Kowloon) beat Hutchinson and Wood 4/3; beat Fowler and Macpherson 5/2; beat Ross and Wei Wong Lok 7/0; beat Brawn and Bass 4/3; Green and Brewer (Kowloon) beat Fowler and Macpherson 5/2; beat Ross and Wei Wong Lok 4/3; beat Brawn and Bass 5/2; beat Hutchinson and Wood 4/3.

Clelland and Mead (Kowloon) beat Fowler and Macpherson 5/2; lost to Ross and Wei Wong Lok 3/4; lost to Brawn and Bass 3/4; lost to Hutchinson and Wood 3/4.

Wenner and Jeffries (Kowloon) beat Ross and Wei Wong Lok 4/3; lost to Brawn and Bass 2/5; lost to Hutchinson and Wood 1/6; lost to Fowler and Macpherson 3/3.

At an interval a pleasant function took place, Mrs. Forsyth presenting the League trophy to the champions. Prior to the presentation Mr. A. O. Brown, the hon. secretary of the League, made a few observations, referring to the satisfactory manner in which the competition had been run in its inaugural season. He stated that no fewer than 4,000 games, participated in by 70 players, had been fought out under the auspices of the League. To his mind the playing of these games was far better than spending the afternoon lying back in long chairs and drinking whiskey-sodas (laughter).

Mrs. Forsyth then made the presentation of the Shield, handing it to Mr. W. Stewart, President of the Kowloon Cricket Club. Small commemorative medals were also handed to Messrs. Green, Libeard, Mead, Clelland, Jeffries, Wenner, Lapley, Duncan, Brewer and Kilmannick, who had all assisted in securing the championship.

On the call of Mr. Stewart hearty cheers were given for Mr. Forsyth, Dr. Forsyth (President of the League) replying.

## Shooting.

## VOLUNTEER INFANTRY COMPANY.

The shooting arrangements of the newly formed Infantry Company have hitherto been upset by unfavourable weather; Sunday morning, however, proved an exception, and a fair number turned out to shoot for a Cup presented by Captain Wood.

The bright and changing light, together with a heavy shower while at 500 yards range, rendered good shooting difficult. Private Elliot's aggregate of 38 being much the best.

Several of the competitors who have had little or no previous experience with the rifle gave promise of developing into "good shots," whilst it was evident that some of the "older hands" would render a good account with a little more steady practice.

Further shots will be held at Tai Hang Range on Saturday and Sunday next, commencing at 3.30 p.m. and 10.00 a.m. respectively.

## Lawn Bowls.

## POLICE &amp; KOWLOON.

Kowloon Bowling Club registered another victory on Saturday when they faced their old opponents, the Police. The win was secured by 96 to 68. Kowloon only being down on one rink. Some capital play was seen. Scores:—

| Kowloon     |    | Police    |    |
|-------------|----|-----------|----|
| Glendinning | 15 | Brown     | 15 |
| Grant       | 15 | Muir      | 15 |
| Hanson      | 15 | Duncan    | 15 |
| Gourlay     | 15 | Petrie    | 15 |
| Pitt        | 15 | (skip)    | 26 |
| Baker       | 15 | T. Ramsay | 15 |
| Cooper      | 15 | Alexander | 15 |
| Langley     | 15 | Russell   | 15 |
| (skip)      | 14 | (skip)    | 25 |
| Gerrard     | 15 | Harvey    | 15 |
| Fenton      | 15 | Quinn     | 15 |
| McLennan    | 15 | Chafford  | 15 |
| (skip)      | 24 | A. Ramsay | 15 |
| Stewart     | 15 | (skip)    | 16 |
| Ogg         | 15 | Gow       | 15 |
| Sim         | 15 | Neve      | 15 |
| Robertson   | 15 | Haxton    | 15 |
| (skip)      | 15 | Milroy    | 15 |
| (skip)      | 63 | (skip)    | 96 |

## Ocean Yacht Race.

Five boats of the Yokohama Yacht Club started on July 31, to race over a hundred mile course to Hatzushima and back for a cup presented by the editor of The Builder. The Mary (capt. T. M. Laffin, owner) won in 22 hours, 17 minutes, just beating Valkyrien (capt. C. B. Clausen, owner) to whom she had to allow 6 hours, 31 minutes. The Mary lost her topmast during the race. Many rain squalls and heavy seas were encountered.

## English Cricket.

In the matches played on August 5, 6 and 7—The Australians beat Lancashire at Liverpool by 47 runs; Kent defeated Hampshire at Canterbury by 10 wickets (1 run); Derbyshire beat Leicestershire at Leicester by two wickets; Worcestershire defeated Yorkshire at Harrogate by six wickets (1 run); and Warwickshire beat Gloucestershire by six wickets (1 run). The matches between Essex and Nottingham at Leyton, and Surrey and Middlesex at the Oval, were drawn.

## WHAT IS CHANCE?

## On Sunday evening in Union Church the Rev. C. H. Hickling spoke on "Chance."

From Ecclesiastes 9:11—"The race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong," but time and chance happeneth to them all. He said that the cynicism suggested, hence the absurdity of his dictum. Most people have cynical moods. "It always rains when I have anything on." "I'm always unlucky." There is about as much truth in such sayings as in that of Ecclesiastes. There is some truth underlying the exaggeration. "Time and Chance" do happen. Our most earnest efforts are often thwarted by unexpected occurrences over which we have no control. The wise may miss the mark and the fool score a bull's eye; the able worker fail and the trifler succeed. The bolt does sometimes come out of the blue. When we take a large number of cases we can see that as a rule wisdom, industry, &c., come to their own. But with regard to any one individual case there always comes in an element of contingency and uncertainty.

It is significant to note the difference in this respect between the world of inanimate nature and the world of humanity. In material nature, certain causes produce certain effects. The astronomer can foretell to a second when a named star will appear above the horizon. When, however, we come to human nature we have not only the above factors but the added element of human freedom of choice and interdependence among free-thinking people. Two young men, as a writer points out, equally gifted and industrious enter upon a business career. In 20 years there is great difference in prosperity. The business line of one has boomed, deaths and removals above him have furthered promotion, he just cleared before a bad failure, he had a legacy—or all of these happened in the one case while in the other none. It is so in our own history. If we had not met so-and-so, if we had not gone to this place or that, and so on, what a difference! Heredity for some means inherited weakness or bad tendency in body, mind or moral nature. The environment of some renders good living almost beyond imagination. Clearly there is an element of chance in every human history.

Professor Hazley likens human life to a game of chess, the rules being the laws of nature and the unseen player on the board being always fair, just and patient, but who never overlooks our mistakes. The metaphor, as Dr. Finlayson showed, is singularly inadequate. It is not true that the life, fortune and happiness of each individual depend simply on his moves in the game he is playing. It is not true that the moves of the player on the other side are always in accordance with certain fixed rules which we may discover. The ablest strategist and the most ignorant rustic may both be exposed to the same thunderstorm. The former may be killed by lightning, and the other escape unhurt. Surely life is not a game of chance, the issue being considerably dependent on what cards one deals to each and how he others play—both being out of control.

But a putting of the case is repugnant to our deepest religious instincts. Life is not a game of mere blind chance and skill, where, spite of all we may do, everything may go against us. It is rather an arena of discipline, a vista of progress. We need to recognize two facts. God has made our individual experience dependent partly on circumstances outside ourselves, for good, though they have often been turned to evil. Then also He has made our individual experience dependent on our own character and conduct. The one factor furnishes scope for faith and prayer to ward off evil. The other for prudent diligence, virtuous exercise of all our powers. Some trust almost wholly to luck. Worship of chance is more foolish than worship of faculty. We are not creators of our circumstances; but neither are we creatures of circumstance. We are not accountable for what we cannot mould; but we are accountable for the right use of all our powers. That the race is not always to the swift, or the battle to the strong, does not justify a man in neglecting to cultivate wisdom and strength as much as possible.

Heredity and environment are spoken of as cruel. Did God create the evil tendency? Did God create the slum and the brothel? Here by means that downright goodness bears interest to several generations. Our environment of natural beauty and human neighbours was evidently meant to be potent in moulding beautiful souls. Do let us have the courage to take the blame and cease our whining against God. Probe to the bottom of "chance" as it works mischievously in life and you will usually find human selfishness and injustice. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. If we become reconciled to God we have begun to make the world as it was intended to be. This will remove the evil from "time and chance." The remaining uncertainty will tend to change. Endurance, unselfish motives, and even enthusiasm. So will God work together with us in bringing genuine good out of apparent evil.

DEATH OF MRS. T. P. CRAWFORD. The North China Daily News announces the death of Mrs. T. P. Crawford. By this event, it says, the missionary body loses one of its oldest and most honoured members, whose praise is in all the churches, and who for over fifty years has laboured faithfully among Chinese women. Mrs. Crawford arrived in China with her husband, the Rev. T. P. Crawford, in 1852, in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention of the United States. They had their first furlough in 1877 and having returned to China in August 1893, they were transferred to Tungchow, Shantung, where Dr. Crawford, of the work known as Dr. Crawford's mission, about twenty years ago. Dr. and Mrs. Crawford severed their connection with the Southern Baptist Convention, and subsequently they joined with several other missionaries who had taken similar steps, under the designation of the "Gospel Mission." Mrs. Crawford, who was over eighty years of age, survived her husband but a short time, she having died recently in the United States. She was present at the last missionary conference held at Shanghai, returning subsequently to her work among the women in the village of Shantung, among thousands of whom the name of Mrs. Crawford was a household word.

THE LAU MURDER CASE. Some days ago we reported the arrest and subsequent disappearance of a man charged with the murder of the expectant officer Lau. Now a detective has succeeded in re-arresting him in a house in Honam. He was taken before the Taoist of Constabulary and he is to stand his trial. The man appears to have worked in Hongkong as a coolie and he told the Taoist that a certain man whose father the deceased had murdered years ago was the author of the plot, and that \$300 was the reward for the murder of Lau.

GRAPES OCCURRENCE. A relative of a man living in Honam recently visited him and while on the visit died. The corpse was put into a coffin and the host sent for the family of his guest. As these people live in a village a long way from the city the corpse still remains unburied in the house. In spite of incense and aromatic herbs which are being burnt the horrible effluvia from the corpse pervades the street. The neighbours have advised the man to give the body burial but he insists on waiting for the relatives. It is a wonder that the police do not interfere in the matter.

THE GREAT FISHING. The Viceroys of the Kansu province which is devastated by famine has appealed to the Government of Kwangtung for immediate assistance. A sum of twenty thousand taels has been sent and it is likely that a general subscription will ere long be started for the relief of the afflicted province.

THE FATHAN AFFAIR. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire have handed a cheque for \$5,000 to the relatives of the man who died on the Fathian. Owing to the exchange the relatives have netted \$5010. The Canton Self-government Society has been asked to publish this fact among the people and to do all in their power to foster the good feeling existing between England and China.

ROBBERS AT SHUN TAK. The Shun Tak district is more over-run with robbers than ever before, and the local officials are at their wits' end to know how to cope with them. Now Admiral Li is about to visit this very turbulent locality on a tour of inspection. He will consult with the local gentry as to the best means of preserving order. Afterwards the Admiral will proceed on a cruise up the West River.

A SUICIDE. A man was engaged to look after a silk thread shop in Tai Ping St. The shop having closed by reason of bad trade this man was in the habit of spending his nights with a friend named Tong. This Tong was a noted gambler and had lately suffered heavy losses. Last night he went upstairs and hanged himself. His friend found him some time afterwards but he was quite dead. The police were informed and an inquest is to be held.

AN EKKING MONK. A monk was observed by a detective to sneak out of a monastery, change his priestly garb and adorn himself with a false queue. A detective followed him and saw him enter a brothel. He then arrested him and the monk has now to be tried for breaking his monastic vows.

SMART DETECTIVES. It is reported from Fatsien that on the occasion of a recent theatrical performance the police were requested to send a number of detectives to be on the watch for pickpockets, etc. The detectives arrived, each hearing a lantern, on which was written in large characters "Detective of the Fatsien Police Force." No doubt the thieves had a good time.

ABOLISHING ADVERTISING. It has been the custom at Tam Chai to hold a triennial procession in honour of the deities and ghosts of the locality. Lately a Chamber of Commerce has been established in the place and the members have been trying to persuade the people to give up such a ridiculous and stupid custom and to devote the money to some purpose that will benefit the community.

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## Shipping

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1910.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

## MARSEILLES &amp; LONDON,

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR

COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.  
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

| STEAMERS         | Leave<br>HONGKONG | Connecting Steamers<br>from Colombo to<br>MARSEILLES & LONDON | Due<br>MARSEILLES<br>(Brindisi)<br>(Days earlier) | Due<br>LONDON<br>(Days later) |
|------------------|-------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Steamer          | Leave             | Steamer   | Due   | Due                           |
| ARCADIA 7000     | Feb. 19           | CHINA 11000   | March 5   | March 11                      |
| DELTA 8000       | March 5           | MAIWA 11000   | March 19  | March 25                      |
| MACE DONIA 10500 | March 19          | (Through steamer<br>calling at Bombay)                        | April 2   | April 8                       |
| DEVANHA 8000     | April 2           | MONGOLIA 10000  | April 16  | April 22                      |
| ASSAYE 7800      | April 16          | MARMOIRA 10500  | April 30  | May 6                         |
| DELTA 8000       | April 30          | MOBEA 11000   | May 14  | May 20                        |
| DELTA 8000       | May 14            | MOULTAN 10000   | May 28  | June 3                        |

Passenger change steamers at Colombo, and those for Brindisi transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said.  
Accommodation in the connecting steamer from Colombo is definitely reserved in "Hongkong or at time of booking."

Fares to London (Including Surtax):

1st Saloon £71.10 Single £106.14 Return.

2nd " £48.8 " £72.12 "

In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following —

INTERMEDIATE (Non-Transit) STEAMERS

WILL LEAVE FOR

## LONDON,

CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

| STEAMERS      | Leave<br>HONGKONG | Due<br>LONDON |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| STEAMERS      | Leave             | Due           |
| SYLA 8800     | January 28        | March 13      |
| SUMATRA 4800  | February 6        | March 26      |
| NYANZA 6700   | February 23       | April 7       |
| SUDA 4670     | March 23          | May 7         |
| WALTA 6870    | April 29          | June 4        |
| BAEDINIA 6870 | May 4             | June 18       |
| NOBE 6700     | May 18            | July 2        |

These steamers call also at Singapore, Penang, Colombo, and at Marseilles.

Fares to London (Including Surtax):

1st Saloon £25.0 Single £32.10 Return.

2nd " £18.10 " £27.4 "

\* Carry 1st and 2nd Saloon Passengers.

For further particulars, Apply to

E. A. HEWITT,

Superintendent.

CHINA AND MANILA  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

| Steamship | Tons | Captain      | For    | Sailing Date                |
|-----------|------|--------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| RUBI      | 2540 | W. R. Almond | Manila | SATURDAY, Aug. 21, at Noon. |
| TAIRO     | 2540 | R. Rodgers   | Manila | SATURDAY, Aug. 28, at Noon. |

For Freight or Passage, apply to

Shewan, Tomes &amp; Co., General Managers.

THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN  
MAIL SERVICE.

## TO AUSTRALIA.

## MAIL SCHEDULE.

(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION).

| STEAMERS | ARRIVE HONGKONG<br>FROM AUSTRALIA | LEAVE HONGKONG<br>FOR AUSTRALIA |
|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ALDENHAM | August 21.                        | 23rd August, at Noon.           |
| EMPER    | Sept. 21.                         | 15th Sept., at Noon.            |
| EASTERN  |                                   | 13th Oct., at Noon.             |

THE above Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, ensuring a plentiful supply of Ice, Fresh Provisions, etc., and are lighted throughout with Electricity. All State-Rooms have Electric Fans. A fully qualified Doctor and Stewardess are carried. For further particulars, apply to

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Agents.

## JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN

REGULAR THREE-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN

JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

| STEAMER   | FROM  | EXPECTED<br>OF OR<br>ABOUT | WILL LEAVE FOR | ON OR ABOUT            |
|-----------|-------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| TJILATJAP | JAVA  | First half of August.      | SHANGHAI       | First half of August.  |
| TJIBODAS  | JAPAN | Do.                        | JAVA           | Do.                    |
| TJILWONG  | JAPAN | Second half of August.     | JAVA           | Second half of August. |
| TJIMAH    | JAVA  | First half of Sept.        | SHANGHAI       | First half of Sept.    |
| TJIKINI   | JAVA  | Do.                        | JAPAN          | Do.                    |
| TJIPANAS  | JAVA  | Second half of Sept.       | SHANGHAI       | Second half of Sept.   |

THE Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

YORK BUILDING, 1st Floor. TELEPHONE No. 275.

## 'INDRA' LINE, LIMITED.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE Steamship INDRAWADI, Captain W. GRAY WILLIAMS, will be despatched as above on or about 21st August.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., Ltd., Agents. Hongkong, July 14, 1909.

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A SKETCH OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.

Reprinted from the 'CHINA MAIL'.

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NAVIGATION COMPANY.

## S.S. 'MACEDONIA'

10,500 tons,

CAPTAIN C. D. BENNETT, R.N.R.

THIS THROUGH MAIL STEAMER FOR

MARSEILLES AND LONDON, Via BOMBAY,

WILL leave Hongkong on MARCH 19th, 1910, staying

at Bombay 24 hours only and is due to arrive at —

MARSEILLES... April 16th.

LONDON... April 23rd.

FARES TO LONDON:—

1st Saloon £71.10 Single £106.14 Return.

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For further Particulars apply to

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, August 16, 1909.

## MEXICAN DIRECT LINE.

TO MANZANILLO, MAZATLAN AND GUAYMAS, MEXICO,

Via MOJI, JAPAN.

The S.S. PERSIA, 9500 tons, Capt. A. LOCKETT, will be despatched for the above ports on the 2nd SEPTEMBER. Connecting at Guaymas with the Sonora R.R., at Mazatlan with the Cananea, Yaqui River and Pacific R.R., and at Manzanillo with the MEXICAN NATIONAL LINES, for all the principal places in Mexico and points beyond.

The steamer is fitted throughout with electric light, and will carry Saloon, Second-class and Stevedore passengers. For further information and rates for Passage and Freight apply to

THE HONG KONG S.S. CO.,

37, DES VOUX ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, August 13, 1909.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.HONGKONG—SOUTH CHINA  
COAST PORTS.

HIGHEST-Class, fastest and most luxurious Steamers on the Coast, having splendid Accommodation for First-Class Passengers. Electric Light and First-Class Cuisine.

| STEAMERS | For                   | LEAVING                         |
|----------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| HAITAN   | SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW | TUESDAY, 17th Aug., at 2 p.m.   |
| HAIMUN   | SWATOW                | WEDNESDAY, 18th Aug., at 2 p.m. |
| HAIRANG  | SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW | FRIDAY, 20th Aug., at 2 p.m.    |

For the convenience of Passengers, Steamers will arrive at, and depart from, the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier). A reduction of 20 per cent on First-Class Fares to Fochow will be made during the months of August and September.

For Freight and Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK &amp; CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, November 17, 1908.

## SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR  
CALLAO, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO, ETC., VIA MOJI,  
KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU AND  
SALINA CRUZ (Mexico).

|                    |                 |                    |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| s.s. America Maru  | 5000 tons gross | Aug. 30th, at noon |
| s.s. Hongkong Maru | 6000 " "        | Oct. 2nd, at noon  |
| s.s. Manshu Maru   | 5000 " "        | Dec. 10th, at noon |

For particulars apply to

K. MATSUDA, Manager.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA, YORK BUILDINGS.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship GREGORY APJAR, Captain S. H. BAKER, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 18th inst., at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

D. SASSOON &amp; Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, August 11, 1909.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship LIGHTNING, Captain A. E. GERRARD, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 19th inst., at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON &amp; Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, August 11, 1909.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE, Captain T. K. NIPPON, will leave for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 18th inst., at Noon.

This steamer has capital accommodation for Passengers, Electric Light, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SANDER, WILKES &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 10, 1909.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

FAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship AUSTRALAIEN, will be despatched for the above ports on or about WEDNESDAY, the 18th August.

P. DE CHAMFORD, Agent.

Hongkong, August 11, 1909.

## Shipping



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STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA,  
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RANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH  
AND LONDON.

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VIA PERSIAN GULF, CON-  
TINENTAL AMERICAN AND  
SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship CALEDONIA, Captain W. HAYWARD, carrying "His Majesty's Mails," will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., with Passengers and Mails, on SATURDAY, the 13th August, 1909, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's Steamship Mongolia, 10,000 tons, from Colombo, Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France, and Two for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. Caledonia, due in London on the 3rd October, 1909.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to  
E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, August 7, 1909.

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SHORTEST AND QUICKEST ROUTE BETWEEN  
THE FAR EAST AND EUROPE  
VIA DAIREN.

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THREE WEEKLY EXPRESS TRAIN SERVICE, composed of excellently equipped Sleeping, Dining and 1st class Cars, operated between Dairen and Changchun in connection with the Trans-Siberian Express Trains and with the Dairen-Shanghai Direct Steamer Service by the S.S. "Kobe Maru" and "Saido Maru" (2,977 tons each) as follows:—

## NORTH-BOUND.

| Leave—Shanghai (Steamer) | Thursday<br>Saturday | Monday or Tuesday<br>Friday |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Arrive—Dairen            | 11 a.m.              | 11 a.m.                     |
| Leave—Dairen             | 5.50 p.m.            | 5.50 p.m.                   |
| Arrive—Mukden            | 9.15 p.m.            | 9.15 p.m.                   |
| Leave—Mukden             | 5 a.m.               | 5 a.m.                      |
| Arrive—Changchun         | 5.55 a.m.            | 5.55 a.m.                   |
| Leave—Changchun          | 2 p.m.               | 2 p.m.                      |

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